

The NEATLINE

A NEWSLETTER OF THE TEXAS MAP SOCIETY

Spring 2010

Jenkins Garrett 1914 - 2010



Founder of the
Texas Map Society

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FROM THE EDITOR

All of us at the Texas Map Society were deeply saddened by the loss of Jenkins Garrett in late January. After all, Jenkins was the primary driving force behind the formation of the society. Past TMS president Dennis Reinhartz remembered it like this:

“A few of us in the UTA map community, including Jenkins and Virginia Garrett, Gerald Saxon, Kit Goodwin, and me, had been thinking about forming a map society in Texas on the model of Chicago or California. With the arrival of David Buisseret, given his experiences with the Chicago Map Society, we thought we had achieved a critical mass and went ahead and planned the first meeting. Jenkins was its founding (and only two-term) president. He helped to write its constitution and by-laws and reviewed it legally. Jenkins even suggested the name, the Texas Map Society, over The Map Society of Texas favored by Virginia and me.”

Long-time Secretary and Treasurer Kit Goodwin worked closely with Jenkins over the years. She recalled:

“...remembering the many wonderful times we all have had with Jenkins and Virginia at Texas Map Society meetings across the state—and even in Washington, D.C. when we convened a meeting at the Library of Congress. The fall meetings—especially on even numbered years, when we met in conjunction with the Garrett Lectures in the History of Cartography—at his beloved Special Collections at The University of Texas at Arlington were always the best!”

Jenkins will surely be missed terribly. But through his and Virginia's generosity, map collectors, academics and students will continue to enjoy the fruits of his labors, through the Special Collections at UT Arlington, for many many years to come.

- David Finrock



Jenkins Garrett enjoys dinner at The Fort Worth Club, as part of the Fall 2009 Meeting of the Texas Map Society.

Photo courtesy of Imre Demhardt.

Kit Goodwin Retires as TMS Secretary/Treasurer

By David Finrock

As noted elsewhere in this edition of *The Neatline*, it was Jenkins Garrett who provided the drive to found the Texas Map Society. But at the Fall 2009 meeting of the TMS, I spoke with Jenkins, and he personally told me that it was Kit Goodwin who held the society together, and forged it into the successful organization that it has become.

For a decade and a half, all of the TMS membership just took for granted the amount of work that Kit did on our behalf. And none of us really understood just how much

work that was. At least not until last summer, when Kit announced that she would be stepping down from her leadership positions to take a more active role in the Society for the History of Discoveries, and we at the TMS had to scramble to find volunteers to fill the void.

After much cajoling from TMS President Dianne Powell, I was convinced to take over Kit's duties as editor of *The Neatline*. And then at the fall meeting, elections were held - but not for a new Secretary/Treasurer. Instead, it was agreed that the job needed to be split into separate Secretary and Treasurer positions. No one individual could be convinced to take on both positions. Yet Kit had done both without complaint for 15 years, while at the same time editing the newsletter. Those of us taking on just one-third of her duties are finally realizing just how right Jenkins was about what Kit has meant to the TMS. Presidents and Vice Presidents of the society rotated on and off every two years. Board members did the same. But Kit had served in three of the most important and time consuming positions since the organizing meeting.

Of course, Kit did much more than fulfill her three official positions. She also worked on arranging logistics for meetings, printing brochures for upcoming meetings, manning the greeting table at TMS functions, arranging for speakers, leading Kit's Kartographic Korner at the fall meetings, and so much more.

Now don't get the idea that Kit is leaving us. She will continue to be an active member and integral part of the Texas Map Society. She will continue to volunteer her time for the society and we will all continue to see her at each meeting. When you do see her, be sure to give Kit a big "Thank you" for what she has meant to the TMS for so many years.



Kit Goodwin and LaVerne Knezek greet arrivals to the Fall 2009 meeting of the Texas Map Society.

Photo courtesy of Imre Demhardt.

MY FAVORITE MAP by Bob Rodriguez



Detail of "A New & Accurate Map of North America with the New Discovered Islands on the North East Coast of Asia".
Published in London ca. 1785.

One of my favorite maps of the North American continent is one published by Thomas Banks of London in his atlas, *New System of Geography* (ca. 1785).

What especially appeals to me is the representation of the boundaries of the four southernmost colonies. At the end of the French & Indian War in 1763, the British ceded all claims to lands west of the Mississippi to the French, and re-focused their claims on the Indian lands between the Appalachian mountains and the Mississippi River. However, as a result of their defeat in the American Revolution in 1783, Britain lost these claims, and the states of Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia re-asserted their Charter claims that their respective territories extended from the Atlantic to the Mississippi River.

These expanded boundaries were, however, short-lived. Soon after the United States was created, these "expanded" lands were ceded to the new federal government, and within 30 years subdivided into the present states of Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee.

If you would like to submit an article about your own favorite map for a future issue of *The Neatline*, contact the editor David Finfrock at editorTMS@aol.com.

TMS Spring Meeting • April 9 - 11, 2010

PEOPLE, POWER AND MAPS

April 9-11, 2010 • Austin, Texas

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Friday, April 9

Tours of the University of Texas Cartographic Treasures

Reservations required. Van transportation will be provided courtesy of the Department of Geography and the Environment The University of Texas at Austin

9:30 a.m.

Depart Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel

303 W. 15th St., Austin

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Tour of the Map and Globe Collection

Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center
with **Professor Emeritus Ian Manners**
Department of Geography and the Environment, UT Austin

12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**Lunch on your own Blanton Museum
or AT&T Center**

1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Tour of Map Collection

Rare Books Room
Nettie Lee Benson Latin American Collection
with **Librarian Michael O. Hironymous**

3:30 p.m. to 5:00 pm

Tour of Map Collection

Dolph Briscoe Center for American History
with **Executive Director Don E. Carlton**

6:30 p.m.

Informal Buffet Dinner

George W. Littlefield House
(historic home on the UT Austin campus)
24th Street and Whitis

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Saturday, April 10

Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel
303 W. 15th St., Austin
Bluebonnet Room (Ground Floor)

8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

Pick up Registration Packets

9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions

Dianne Powell

President, Texas Map Society

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

William E. Doolittle

Program Chair, Texas Map Society Spring Meeting and

Erich W. Zimmermann

Regents Professor in Geography Department of Geography
and the Environment
UT Austin

“Ancient Mapping in the Greater American Southwest”

10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Break

10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Karl W. Butzer

Raymond C. Dickson Centennial Professor of Liberal Arts,
Department of Geography and the Environment, UT Austin

“Spanish Colonial Mapping of Mexico”

11:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Informal Discussion I

12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Buffet Lunch

Travis Board Room and Houston Room
(Second Floor) at the Doubletree Guest Suites

**Image: After Hernán Cortés and unknown indigenous
mapmaker(s) [Map of Mexico City and the Gulf of Mexico]**

Woodcut, in Cortés, Praeclara Ferdinandi.

Cortesii de Nova Maris Oceani Hyspania Narratio
(Nuremberg, 1524).

DeGolyer Library, SMU, Dallas

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Peter H. Dana

Lecturer and Research Fellow, Department of Geography
and the Environment,
UT Austin, and Visiting Assistant Professor of Geography,
Middlebury College, Vermont

*“Participatory Mapping by Indigenous People of Central
America”*

2:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Break

2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Alberto Giordano

Associate Professor, Department of Geography, Texas State
University at San Marcos

*“For an Historical GIS of the Holocaust: Challenges and
Opportunities”*

3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Troy M. Kimmel, Jr.

Senior Lecturer, Department of Geography and the
Environment, UT Austin, and Chief Meteorologist, KVET
/ KASE / KFMK Radio (Clear Channel Radio), and Chief
Meteorologist, KEYE CBS42 Television

“Mapping Weather and Climate through the Years”

4:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Informal Discussion

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Dinner at Tarry House, Inc.

3006 Bowman Ave., Austin

Van transportation will be provided from the DoubleTree
Guest Suites courtesy of the Department of Geography and
the Environment, The University of Texas at Austin.

Vans will leave the hotel at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 11

Doubletree Guest Suites

8:30 a.m.

Collectors' Breakfast

Karen L. Pavelka

Conservator, The School of Information, UT Austin

*“How to Care for and Conserve your Maps, Books and
Documents”*

An opportunity to ask questions of a paper conservator

Founder of the Texas Map Society Jenkins Garrett (1914 - 2010)

Jess Jenkins Garrett (called Jenks or Jenkins by his friends and family) was born on Dec. 14, 1914, in Caldwell, Texas, the son of Jesse and Studie Garrett. Jesse Garrett was an up-by-your bootstraps attorney in Caldwell who was later called to the Baptist ministry at Rosen Heights Baptist Church in Fort Worth, while Studie Garrett was a Baylor music graduate who was Rev. Garrett's partner every step of the way.

Jenkins Garrett's formative years were spent in Fort Worth. He attended Sam Rosen Elementary School, North Side Junior High, and North Side High School, where he graduated in 1931 at the age of sixteen. Two years before he graduated from high school, the Leonard Brothers Store hired him as an office boy. His pay was \$5 a week and a bicycle. His dedication and enthusiasm for his work was noticed by J. Marvin ("Mr. Marvin") and Obadiah Paul ("Mr. Opie") Leonard, the store's owners, and they soon developed a personal relationship with him. From this point on, his life and career became closely interwoven with the Leonard family.

Garrett entered the University of Texas in Sept. 1931. His career goal was to become an attorney like his father had been, so he enrolled in a six-year program where he could earn an undergraduate degree and a law degree. At the university he became immersed in campus life, participating in the activities of the Baptist Student Union and the YMCA; joining the debate team and the Tejas Club; and being elected to the Judiciary Council and President of the Student Association. He graduated in 1937.

It was at UT where his interest in history was piqued. This happened during a U.S. History survey course taught by noted historian Walter Prescott Webb, whose ideas inspired him to begin reading more about Texas and the American past. From UT Garrett entered Harvard Law School, graduating with a master's in legal letters in 1939. He practiced law with the Fort Worth firm of Walker, Smith, and Shannon until U.S. entry into WWII looked imminent in 1941.



Virginia and Jenkins Garrett at home in their library, January 29, 1983
Courtesy, *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* Collection, Special Collections,
The University of Texas at Arlington Library, Arlington, Texas.

In 1941 he resigned his position with the firm and entered the FBI. While with the FBI, he worked on the West Coast and married Virginia Williams of Fort Worth on November 26, 1941, in San Francisco, just days before the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He had met Virginia at Rosen Heights Baptist Church. Garrett spent the war years working with the FBI in California and later as regional counsel for the War Production Board in Dallas.

After the war, he joined the Leonards as their house counsel, a position he held until 1965, when he and Robert Stahala opened their own practice. The small two-person office allowed Garrett the freedom to not only practice law but also to pursue personal interests and public service. He became of counsel with the Fort Worth firm of Harris, Finely, and Bogle in 1992.

He pursued no interests with more vigor and zeal than collecting. He began collecting historical material in earnest in the late-1950s and was "infected" (his word) with the collecting disease for the rest of his life. His collecting "compulsion" (again, his word) motivated him to build one of the finest private libraries focusing on Texas and the U.S. War with Mexico, 1846-48, in the 20th century according to Harry Ransom, former chancellor of the UT System and an inveterate collector himself.

Garrett admitted that his primary reward as a collector was to see his work of many years used and appreciated by students, scholars and the general public. To this end, he and his wife donated his Texas and Mexican War collections to UT Arlington



Jenkins Garrett, looking at an original copy of Texas Declaration of Independence, June 5, 1966
Courtesy, *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* Collection, Special Collections,
The University of Texas at Arlington Library, Arlington, Texas.



Jenkins Garrett, holding the Cabeza de Vaca book (2nd printing 1555)
May 17, 1982
Courtesy, *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* Collection, Special Collections,
The University of Texas at Arlington Library, Arlington, Texas.

in 1973-74, where they became the impetus for the university to build an outstanding department of Special Collections on the 6th floor of the Central Library.

At the time of the initial donation to UTA, the Garrett collection consisted of more than 10,000 items, including books, broadsides, newspapers, graphics, manuscripts, sheet music, currency, and historical materials in other formats. He and Virginia didn't stop there. They continued to support the library by donating literally thousands of other historical resources to UTA during the decades following the original gift. Not only that, but Garrett also helped the library raise funds, cultivate other donors, and promote the collection.

In addition to his accomplishments for UTA, Garrett left an indelible mark on his city, state, and nation. He is perhaps best known for his service to higher education in Texas. For example, he served on the Board of Trustees, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1960-1968; Governor John Connally's Committee on Education Beyond the High School Level, 1963; Founding Chairman, Board of Trustees, Tarrant County Junior College District, 1965-1971; and the UT System Board of Regents, 1969-1975. The University of Texas at Arlington named Garrett an Honorary Distinguished Alumnus in 1985 and UT-Austin named him a Distinguished Alumnus in 1995.

Garrett also received numerous awards for his collecting pursuits and philanthropy, including the Philanthropic Award of the Texas Library Association, 1991; the William E. Jary, Jr. Award presented by the Tarrant County Historical Commission, 1991; American History Medal of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, 1994; Sir Thomas More Medal of the University of San Francisco's Gleeson Library, 1998; and the Award of Excellence in Preserving History sponsored by the Texas Historical Commission, 2003.

Garrett is well known in Fort Worth for his civic activities and his work as an attorney, and has been recognized for his many accomplishments. Among the awards he has received are the Association of Texas Colleges and Universities' Mirabeau B. Lamar Award, 1981; Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's B. H. Carroll Award, 1985; North Fort Worth Society's Tad Lucas Life Achievement Award, 1987; Tarrant County Bar Association's Blackstone Award, 1988; Golden Deeds Award of the Fort Worth Exchange Club, 1990; and the Good Scout Award presented by the Boy Scouts' Longhorn Council, 1996.

Garrett was an active member in numerous professional, historical, social, and civic organizations, and served in leadership positions in each one. Among these are the Tarrant County Bar Association, Texas State Historical Association, Fort Worth Historical Society, Philosophical Society of Texas, Texas Map Society, Society for the History of Discoveries, Exchange Club, Fort Worth Club, Shady Oaks Country Club, Ridglea Country Club, Fort Worth Rotary Club, and Philip Lee Phillips Society.

Garrett made significant contributions in writing and publishing, with perhaps his most important work being his massive bibliography entitled *The Mexican American War of 1846-1848: A Bibliography of the Holdings of the Libraries, The University of Texas at Arlington*, published by Texas A&M University Press in 1995. This work has become a "must have" for librarians, scholars, and collectors interested in the Mexican War.



Jenkins Garrett and his wife, Virginia, at UTA Special Collections, Jenkins Garrett Collection, March 3, 1974
 Courtesy, *Fort Worth Star-Telegram Collection*, Special Collections, The University of Texas at Arlington Library, Arlington, Texas.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Virginia; children, Donna Garrett, Dianne Powell and husband, Boone; and Jenkins Garrett, Jr. and wife Marcia; grandchildren, Vanessa Vaughan, Holt Vaughan, Sarah Petty, Kate Garrett, Laura Powell and Leilah Powell; and five great-grandchildren.



Jenkins Garrett with Dennis Reinhartz and Charles Lowry at 21st Annual Walter Prescott Web Lectures; Jenkins Garrett presented with plaque and lifetime membership in the Society for the History of Discoveries April 1, 1986
 Courtesy, UTA News Service Photograph Collection, Special Collections, The University of Texas at Arlington Library, Arlington, Texas.



Jenkins Garrett with James Michener in UTA Library Special Collections, 1985
 Courtesy, UTA News Service Photograph Collection, Special Collections, The University of Texas at Arlington Library, Arlington, Texas.

2009 TMS Fall Meeting in Arlington

By Gregory Schadt

The 2009 Fall Meeting of the Texas Map Society, **Humboldt's Legacy: Measuring the World** was held in Arlington the first weekend in October. Special Collections at The University of Texas at Arlington Library hosted our meeting with ninety-nine members and guests attending.

Friday October 2

The first event, the afternoon session on Pioneer Texas Surveying was very well attended and represented a first for the TMS, a field exercise in which attendees participated in a 'hands-on' capacity. We were also introduced to our special guest and keynote speaker from Belgium, Mr. Jan de Graeve. At the beginning of the field exercise he spoke briefly on the early methods of surveying in Europe. Mr. de Graeve is not only a noted European Surveyor and



TMS member Rusty DiSciullo looks the part in the Pioneer Texas Surveying project Friday afternoon.

and Measurement. Dan Hampton, TMS member and Registered Professional Land Surveyor (RPLS) coordinated the Pioneer Texas Surveying Field Exercise. We divided into four groups with individual survey leaders: we measured, noted witness trees, creek crossings and made appropriate field notes under the direction of the lead surveyors, including Mr. de Graeve who assisted one team by acting as a "Chain Man" much to the delight of participants. The surveyors took our measurements and plotted the traverse due to time constraints, using data from all four teams, calculated total area and wrote descriptions in the format used by pioneer surveyors and drew a small sketch on the description form and prepared the forms for final submission. We concluded our field work with "From Surveyor to TGLO to Title" with members of the Texas General Land Office: Bill O'Hara, TGLO & RPLS, Mark Lambert, James Harkins and Alex Chiba of the Archives Division of the TGLO. Our visitors from Austin described the process of the passage of the surveyor's field notes through the Texas General Land Office, to the President of the Republic of Texas for signature. We appreciated having local surveying professionals on hand to mentor the greenhorns. We had to send a rescue party out to make sure the members were back to home base before dark and the Comanches began taking scalps! This rescue party was composed of Chris Freeman, Dan Hampton, Davey Edwards, Frank Smith, Jimmie Nichols, Mike Evans, Rusty Di Sciullo and Steve Roan, all RPLS's and handy with a rod and chain.

Opening Reception

Members boarded a motor coach for the hour trip to McKinney Texas home of Mark David and Sherry Tucker. We enjoyed a delightful opening reception and a relaxed evening in their beautifully appointed home while sampling a buffet of appetizers. Mark had strategically positioned his map collection through the house so it was like a treasure hunt to round a corner and find a rare map of Texas displayed in a room or a European map in another. Many thanks to Mark and Sherry for a superb evening.



TMS members enjoy a reception Friday evening at the home of Mark David and Sherry Tucker in McKinney.

Saturday October 3

TMS President Dianne Powell opened the meeting with a declaration from Roland Herrmann, the German Consul General in Houston honoring the TMS for its focus on the life and work of Alexander von Humboldt. Dianne tried her best to pronounce the word, Weltbewusstsein or 'world consciousness' a concept introduced by Humboldt. Next, Dianne introduced Dr. Robert Fairbanks, Chair of the UTA History Department who then introduced Dr. Imre Demhardt our Program Chair. Dr. Demhardt then introduced our Keynote Speaker, Mr. Jan de Grave, and a world authority on the history of surveying. His program was entitled, "The History of Meridian Measurements" When you are measuring the meridian you are trying to find the shape of the earth. A major European force for this measurement effort was Charles V whose empire reached from the eastern to western hemispheres. Jan brought us through the evolution of surveying and important milestones such as the development of triangulation. Some problems encountered were that the earth is always moving, 'like a beating heart.' This causes problems in making very accurate measurements. The magnetic pole is always changing in time and place. We don't know why. By building on the past we provide data for future generations. We saw some rare engravings from Jan's collection including one of the first depictions of people using snow skis.



Gerald Saxon introduces Ralph Ehrenberg, retired from the Library of Congress, who spoke on German contributions to the mapping of the American West.

Next, Ralph E. Ehrenberg, retired Head of the Geography and Map Division of the Library of Congress, spoke on "The German Contribution to the Map of the American West in the Nineteenth Century." Mr. Ehrenberg noted that the Germans were major players in conducting the national surveys of the west in the first seventy years of the nineteenth century. They introduced innovations in recording map views, terrain and the integration of text. They developed new graphic techniques for terrain representation. Innovation extended to the methods of area mapping and converting this map data to printed maps especially through the development of lithography.

UT Arlington's own Dr. Imre Demhardt followed with a presentation entitled: "Alexander von Humboldt as Cartographer: Milestone Contributions towards the Mapping of the Americas." Dr. Demhardt described Alexander von Humboldt's life and his significant achievements starting with his early life, education and his early career in Germany. Humboldt's meetings with another like-minded colleague led to his travels to South and Central America where he developed a holistic approach to explaining the natural world and its processes. This was detailed in his five-volume work, *Cosmos*. Dr. Demhardt concluded with the



Keynote speaker Jan de Graeve explains the early methods of surveying in Europe.



TMS members enjoy an elegant dinner downtown at the Fort Worth Club Saturday evening.

circumstances of Humboldt's last debt-filled days. His estate was purchased and prepared for auction in England. Before the auction a fire destroyed the majority of his papers and personal effects.

Ben Huseman: "Everything is Interrelated": Alexander von Humboldt and Our Nineteenth Century German Connections. The Special Collections exhibition assembled by Ben Huseman was described and explained as to where items came from and their link with Humboldt. Ben mentioned Mulhausen who was mentored by Humboldt, the maps in the exhibition with origins in Humboldt's work, books by and about Humboldt, and atlases. Following Ben's presentation we toured the exhibit with Ben providing a more detailed commentary.

Members Map Forum led by David Finrock, long time TMS member, Chief Meteorologist for NBC-TV and a map collector. David invited members, who brought items from their collections, to share their research or stories behind each item. This is one of the most popular sessions for TMS members. This meeting was no exception with about a dozen members bringing maps or items for discussion.

Annual Meeting Dinner

Saturday night the bus was filled with fifty-one members for the short trip to downtown Fort Worth for a great evening of fine food and fellowship at the hallowed Fort Worth institution, The Fort Worth Club.

Sunday October 4 Collectors' Forum with Breakfast

We gathered for breakfast at the Hilton Hotel and a discussion led by Michael Duty of Heritage Auction Galleries in Dallas on the ways to prepare maps for auction and the benefits of using an auction house to sell a map or collection. This event completed our scheduled events for the weekend. We look forward to the spring meeting in Austin.

All images are courtesy of Imre Demhardt.

SPOTLIGHT ON TMS MEMBERS

Gary Tong

Cartographic Interests: Maps of the American Civil War; Pre-Colonial Africa; take towns of Tong in Kent, Shropshire and Southwest York; or just about anything that looks interesting. I'm not a typical collector, but rather a "Rescuer" of maps and historic documents that are in peril.

Background: Claim dual-citizenship from Arkansas and Texas; born in Texas and migrated from Arkansas. Try to solve that riddle. Degrees include: AA, Mountain View College; BA History, UTA and MA History, UTA with a Certificate of Archival Administration. Veteran, US Navy; former Police Reserve Officer and served on two Presidential Security Details: Ford and Carter. Married almost 40 years, two fine sons, and three darling grandchildren.

Comments: I know now that I have always loved all things MAPS but I didn't come to that realization until attending a class under Dr. Gerald Saxon. This passion soon became both addictive and rewarding. One thing led to another and I was searching through antique book stores, flea markets and online e-bay auctions. Would it surprise you when I say that maps "sometimes speak to me?" In the days of the famous explorers maps opened not only the world of the "here and now", but of the "what's really out there beyond the horizon" that was so mysterious to the average person. As works of art, records of mythology and folklore, scientific instruments and a source of income for cartographers and printers, maps, in my humble opinion, were the GPS technology of the explorer back in the day. Their economic value was incalculable in shrinking the globe to a manageable size and Encounter, Exploration and Exploitation became viable concepts. In conclusion, if anyone knows of a need for a "map intervention and rescue" don't hesitate to call.

Robert Knezek

Cartographic Interests: Texas maps, 1840s – 1930s, especially those showing historical developments in Texas.

Background: BS Mechanical Engineering, Texas Tech University; MS Mechanical Engineering, Oklahoma State University; Ph D Mechanical Engineering, Ohio State University. Two years of farming in North Texas followed by 7 years participating in space programs at LTV Aerospace and General Dynamics and then 33 years in aircraft development and design at General Dynamics/Lockheed Martin. My interest in cartography started with my curiosity about how my parents and some siblings made an automobile trip from North Texas to New Mexico (and back) in 1929.

Another factor sparking my interest in maps was a wagon road and/or stage line, which I have not specifically identified, that crossed our farm about eight miles north of Megargel, Texas. My older brother told me about a two-story building housing a store and hotel located on the banks of Kickapoo Creek a few hundred yards east of our farm. This building burned before my time. I remember seeing an aerial photograph in the early 1950s that clearly showed the road tracks crossing our farm in an east-west direction. There is other evidence that this area was once an active community. An old cemetery is located on a hill just west of our farm close to where the

wagon/stage road would have passed. A one-room school house also existed not far from this location. My eldest brother and sister attended this school probably prior to 1920.

Railroads also caught my attention as a child. The Gulf, Texas and Western Railroad (G T & W) went through my home town of Megargel. According to information from *The Handbook of Texas*, construction of the G T & W started in 1909 and by 1910 extended from Seymour eastward to Jacksboro. According to my father, the railroad had developed a nickname of "Getcha Ticket and Walk," perhaps based on experience. A map, *Gulf, Texas & Western Ry. Proposed Route, 1910 (Poor's Manual of the Railroads)* showed planned extensions of the railroad from Lubbock to Fort Worth and Dallas. These extensions were never made. The G T & W was purchased by the Chicago Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Company in 1940 (*Rock Island, A Brief Texas History*). By this time, the former G T & W rail line passing through Megargel was no longer profitable, and it was closed in 1942 when a flood destroyed a section of track. Many of the small towns and communities that served the railroad no longer exist and can only be found on old maps of Texas. The town of Megargel was named after Roy C. Megargel, a Wall Street investment banker in New York City and a member of the first Board of Directors for G T & W (*The Handbook of Texas*). In the 1920s Megargel was a bustling town due to the discovery of oil at the edge of the town. There was once an oil refinery about three miles east of town at a location identified on older maps as "Cosden."

Comments: My favorite map is an original 1865 Johnson map of Texas. This map is the only one I have found that may give a clue as to the wagon road and/or stage line that crossed our farm near Megargel. The map shows a transfer route from the Butterfield stage line near Jacksboro to another line near Seymour in Baylor County, Texas. It is shown to be close enough to our farm that it is possible that these two lines are the same. I also have a collection of various maps relating to the general time period of interest, including some of Europe from where our ancestors came.

Tom Cogdell

Cartographic Interests: Maps of Texas and the Southwest, places where I've lived, and period maps of places where my ancestors lived.

Background: I was born in Quanah, Texas and grew up during the depression and World War II in Electra, Texas. We lived on Main Street but were in dire straits, no car, no telephone. Thank God for radio, a movie pass that I worked for, and the Electra Public Library. A seventh grade teacher saw that I needed something to do one day, took me to the school library, and suggested that I read Law West of the Pecos, my introduction to regional literature, or folklore.

Midwestern University in Wichita Falls, Texas gave me a scholarship for band and a job in the band hall. I chose chemistry

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A New Home for the Frances C. Poage Map Room at The Texas Collection, Baylor University

By Ellen Brown, Baylor University

From shared space to the stereotypical dark basement to newly-renovated and more accessible space, the Frances C. Poage Map Room has found its permanent home in The Texas Collection. Endowed by a generous gift from former Congressman W. R. “Bob” Poage in honor of his wife Frances, the map room has been located on three different floors of the Carroll Library Building, the home of The Texas Collection. After the building was renovated in 1993, the map collection shared space with our newspaper and framed photographs and portraits in a closed-to-the-public room on the first floor. Maps were retrieved by the library staff, and researchers viewed them in the adjacent public reading room.

In 2004 responsibility for the map collection was transferred to The Texas Collection’s archives division, and the maps were relocated to a basement room where they were accessible by appointment but had to be transported to the first floor—a sometimes awkward task.

Four years later, a proposal to convert The Texas Collection’s second floor meeting room into a map room was approved, and preliminary plans were made for the approximately 800-square-foot room. During the spring of 2009, work on the room began—two single doorways at each end of the room were removed and replaced by a central double doorway, room-darkening shades replaced the metal blinds, wood flooring was laid, and the room was re-painted. During the fall an interior designer drafted plans for millwork to house the flat file cabinets, track and pendant lighting, replacement of ceiling tiles, and workspace. This



Construction of the Frances C. Poague map room is now complete. Maps and documents will be moving in soon.

additional work will be completed by the end of February 2010. Cartographic researchers will now have a dedicated space in which to study our maps.

In the meantime, Kit Goodwin was hired as a consultant both to the renovation project and to the map collection. She recommended preservation and maintenance procedures for the maps themselves. Fragile maps were sleeved, oversized maps rolled, and maps were re-folded to provide better care and security.

The staff of The Texas Collection eagerly anticipates the completion of the renovation. The formal dedication of the Poage Map Room will be announced at a later time.

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for a major because I loved the laboratory, making a pure new substance from something entirely different, sometimes approaching 100% yield. Following this, I worked for Dow Chemical Company in Freeport, Texas, learning much more about laboratory skills and procedures. I began graduate study at The University of Texas at Austin, where I met and married Elena Conkle. We finished at Harvard University in 1965.

I began reading military history in the 1950s, interested because of my dad’s service in the Navy. Stories about submarine exploits in the Pacific and Butcher’s My Three Years with Eisenhower are typical. I bought a Rand McNally-Cosmopolitan World Atlas, copyright MCMLVII. It is still useful for showing railroads. In Cambridge the Peabody Museum of Natural History was next door to the chemistry laboratories, and I was entranced by finding there a few specimens from the Lewis and Clark voyage of discovery. I read DeVoto’s Journals of Lewis and Clark, as well as anything else by him or Samuel Eliot Morison, while waiting for those boiling pots to produce something.

The Department of Chemistry at UTA was my base from 1966 to 1999. I had little time for other activities, but hearing William Goetzmann’s Webb Lecture in 1986, Seeing and Believing,

awakened my interest, and I have seldom missed an opportunity to hear live history or examine old maps ever since. After retirement, we began studying family history and have traveled more, prompted by the fact that our children are dispersed from Seattle to Rockville, Maryland to Houston. We managed to see a part of the Lewis and Clark trail in 2006 on its bicentennial.

Comments: One of my favorite maps is *A Map of the Most Inhabited Part of Virginia containing the whole Part of Maryland and part of Pensilvania, New Jersey and North Carolina*, drawn by Joshua Fry and Peter Jefferson in 1751. A few years back I encountered a web site posted by the Colonial Dames of Bermuda Hundred in Virginia which had a piece of a map on which Kennon appeared to mark the homestead of an ancestor (5greatgrandfather). My son Kennon and his wife went in to the Map Division of the Library of Congress and inquired whether a copy of the whole map could be obtained. They brought the full size print to me shortly thereafter. When the Texas Map Society met jointly with the Washington Map Society in 2004, I was pleased to see the scanner which made the digital image, as part of the tour. A 1755 French version of this map hangs in the Map Room in the White House.

Conservation Corner

By Gayle Young, Conservationist

While considering a subject for this column, I recalled an article on sizing old papers and its effect on paper strength during natural aging. The subject is confusing because each papermaker had his own formulation. The proportions of ingredients varied widely and the purity of the materials was unknown—somewhat like grandma’s recipes using a “pinch” of this and that.

The addition of alum to gelatin (parchment) size began in the sixteenth century and was widely used by the mid seventeenth century. Alum controlled the growth of mold and bacteria and also stabilized the viscosity of the size and increased the resistance of gelatin to ink penetration. Early nineteenth century papermakers began using alum-rosin size (rosin extracted from pine tree sap) in the pulp vat. Prior to World War I alum-rosin size was seen as a likely cause of brittle paper. This situation resulted in the introduction of new synthetic sizes and modifications of machinery. Research between the world wars and through the 1960’s emphasized the roll of size in paper deterioration to the point that use of alum-rosin size was discontinued. New information has caused this to be questioned. Small amounts of alum can be beneficial.

Another look at sizing with appropriate research into older methods is obviously needed. If you have items that are alum-sized in your collection and the paper seems strong, good archival housing and environment will help protect against deterioration. Most conservators resize paper to improve the “hand” or feel of the paper rather than to add strength.

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New Web Site for the Texas Map Society

The Texas Map Society is establishing a new, easy to find web site that will be full of new information and features. Max Gross of BeauxArtsArt.com, a TMS member, has taken on the task of revamping our web site. There will be many new features on the site in the coming months and years. But you can already register for the Spring Meeting there, if you haven't already done so. Check it out, at:

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